# **Arkansas**

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Reporting for the week ending September 3, 2006.

#### General

Precipitation was in the form of scattered showers throughout the state at the beginning of the week. Arkansas saw milder temperatures with highs concentrated in the high 80s to low 90s. There were 6.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 17% very short, 45% short, and 38% adequate.

### Crops

Corn harvest was nearly two-thirds complete. Nearly half of the cotton bolls had opened and preparation for harvest had begun. The crop was in mostly good condition. Rice completed the headed stage and was 14% harvested. Rice was in mostly good condition. At 90% mature and 59% harvested, sorghum forged ahead of the five-year averages. Insecticides were applied on soybean fields where needed. Early soybean plantings allowed for 14% of the crop to be harvested; crop conditions remained fair to good. Ground preparation for winter wheat planting had begun in the Southwest corner of the state.

#### Livestock

Livestock were in fair condition. Pasture and hay crop conditions improved slightly due to the scattered showers and milder temperatures last week.

## **Percent of Progress**

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	Stage	<b>Current Week</b>	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Corn	Mature	99	96	90	95
	Harvested	65	44	46	50
Cotton	Bolls Open	47	30	58	41
Rice	Headed	100	99	99	98
	Harvested	14	4	7	12
Sorghum	Coloring	99	98	99	98
	Mature	90	82	74	80
	Harvested	59	25	32	40
Soybeans	Pods Set	99	98	98	97
	Yellowed	46	35	44	27
	Shedding	29	20	31	21
	Matured	21	13	22	10
	Harvested	14	9	11	5
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#### **Condition in Percentages**

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Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	1	7	27	47	18
Rice	1	4	27	53	15
Soybeans	9	15	33	34	9
Hay-Other	19	30	28	20	3
Hay-Alfalfa	13	29	45	13	0
Pasture & Range	15	34	32	18	1

-	Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending September 3, 2006								
		Temperatures			Rainfall				
				Dep from	Wk Ending	Sept.	Sept.	Jan -	August
District	Station	High	Low	Normal	Sept. 3	Accum	Normal	2006	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	85	56	-4	0.57	0.57	0.96	26.10	30.14
	Harrison	87	57	-2	0.15	0.15	0.91	35.56	29.65
N. Central	Calico Rock	85	57	-2	0.01	0.01	0.83	37.21	30.02
	Gilbert	88	57	-4	0.50	0.50	0.80	28.79	29.27
	Greers Ferry	88	60	-3	0.00	0.00	0.80	33.20	32.94
	Mtn. Home	85	62	-3	0.02	0.02	0.85	32.93	29.11
Northeast	Batesville	89	61	-2	0.85	0.85	0.78	33.47	31.24
_ ,	Jonesboro	88	63	-2	0.00	0.00	0.64	32.28	30.77
	Keiser	93	59	-2	0.01	0.01	0.73	40.31	33.96
	Newport	95	54	-4	0.22	0.22	0.74	34.69	32.11
W. Central	Booneville	87	59	-4	0.05	0.05	0.71	26.91	31.34
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	Dardanelle	88	63	-1	0.00	0.00	0.71	27.79	31.96
	Ft. Smith	89	61	-3	0.00	0.00	0.69	30.07	28.87
	Mena	88	57	-2	0.20	0.20	0.77	27.38	37.78
	Ozark	88	60	-3	0.00	0.00	0.69	34.36	29.28
Central	Conway	89	61	-2	0.00	0.00	0.73	31.79	31.65
	Hot Springs	90	59	-2	0.03	0.50	0.77	28.63	37.71
	Little Rock	91	64	-1	0.19	0.19	0.76	30.09	33.26
	N. Little Rock	87	63	-3	0.15	0.15	0.76	29.41	28.96
E. Central	Brinkley	85	62	-4	0.00	0.00	0.62	33.71	34.06
	Marianna	89	60	-3	0.36	0.36	0.64	28.26	36.11
	Stuttgart	93	60	-2	0.47	0.47	0.53	30.57	33.12
Southwest	Норе	94	60	-1	0.11	0.11	0.86	24.75	35.60
South	Texarkana	91	62	-2	0.03	0.03	0.62	22.53	29.80
	Camden	91	61	-2	0.83	0.83	0.71	20.30	35.37
S. Central	El Dorado	92	61	-2	0.40	0.40	0.70	30.12	37.61
S. Central	Warren	91	62	-2	0.14	0.14	0.73	27.76	37.38
Southeast	Eudora	97	60	-1	0.02	0.02	0.62	33.26	39.88
Southeast	Pine Bluff	89	63	-1 -2	0.02	0.02	0.02	30.19	35.30
	Rohwer	95	63	-1	1.34	1.34	0.70	31.74	35.51

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